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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) MELISSA PERREIRA. (3) ____.
- (2) Daniel Altman. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 17 January 2012

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal [copy given to: ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: ____.

Issues Discussed ☐ 101 ☐ 112 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☒ Others
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Claim(s) discussed: ____.

Identification of prior art discussed: ____.

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/Melissa Perreira/
 Examiner, Art Unit 1618

The examiner initiated a telephonic interview to obtain clarification of the terminology used in the declaration filed 1/14/11.

The examiner questioned the language used to describe the test beverage 1 and test beverage 2 found on page 3 of the declaration.

The applicant's representative explained that the language found in test beverage 1 and test beverage 2 was describing steeping the tea leaves so the level of tannin caffeine was the same for both beverages to provide an equivalent strength of tea and that the water to tea ratio to steep the tea is 30 to 1. This provides for a standardized technique to ensure equivalent strength.